

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **No Fatalities or Serious Injuries Reported Over Memorial Day Weekend**

District 4 (Spokane area) troopers did not investigate any serious injury or fatality collisions over the Memorial Day weekend. Troopers did remove 41 impaired drivers from area roadways. That is an increase from the 35 drivers arrested during the same time period in 2005.

Troopers responded to 35 collisions over the weekend. Of those collisions 22 were non-injury and 13 involved injuries. In 2005, troopers investigated two fatality collisions in north Spokane County. The emphasis patrols this year focused on state highways that are primary routes to outdoor vacation destinations.

The WSP will continue to focus on removing impaired drivers throughout the entire year. Extra patrols are being scheduled for major events this summer. Motorists should be prepared to see an increased WSP presence on area roadways. We also encourage citizens to call 911 if they see impaired or aggressive drivers. Please try to get a make, model, color and license plate of the vehicle to help troopers located these dangerous drivers.

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